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this was far from agreed upon on General File when it moved to People who listened to the debate on the floor of the Legislature and agreed that what we are arguing here didn't seem very clear to them either because they felt that my statement that this is all about titles or people who want to retain jobs was correct. So I guess I haven't heard any compelling reason, other than it was an executive order in 199 $\tilde{1}$ by this Governor. It was codified in statute in 1993, and I sat on the Government Committee during this hearing and remember that, and at the time when I asked questions about why this was necessary to put in statute, I was told, oh, it's no big deal, it's not a big change from what we're ...we're already doing this, it just puts it in state statute what we're already doing. There was no mention, at that point in time, that there would, at any time, be a separate state agency for this commission. I had thought for one minute that I was creating another state agency, I would have voted against it. But this was not how this was presented to the Government Committee when this came through. It was that it was an executive order. They wanted to codify it. No mention, absolutely no mention of this being a separate state agency, and that was five years ago. suddenly, five years down the road, there are individuals, who without very...any compelling arguments, I am sorry, but without any compelling arguments think that this should be a state agency, and just because they think it needs to be a state agency, feel that we should pass legislation to make it a state So I guess I'm waiting to hear what the argument is that would make it necessary to create a separate state agency from a commission that has already been operating in the state I have heard no complaints on it. of Nebraska since 1991. This, to me, outlines exactly what they have been doing and should continue to do, and why that needs to be separated out from the Department of Economic Development, it's economic development in the state of Nebraska. We're...as you hear from our Governor, we're one Nebraska, and I agree with that. agree that's exactly...what this does is separate us into rural and then the Department of Economic Development. I don't know why someone who is talking about one Nebraska, and people would who be...who would agree with that want to separate into two economic development groups. To me, economic development is something that we all want, all the way across the state, and that is why we're putting good tax dollars into the Department